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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India(AI) proposes to train science graduates abroad for pilots?

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the name of the country in which the proposed training would be given;

(d) the expenditure involved in giving training abroad;

(e) whether there is any stipulation that trained graduates will serve AI; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b): Considerding the expansion plans of Air India and Air India Express, it is estimated that Air India require a strength of about 1500 pilots by the time all the aircraft are inducted into the fleet. Air India has proposed to take Science/ Engineering graduates as cadet pilots. Under this scheme, Science and Engineering graduates who have passed in first class will be recruited as cadet pilots after they successfully go through the written test/ Interview/ psychometric/ Pilot Aptitude test/ Class - I medical.

(c): The process of selection of Training Institute is in progress.

(d): The cadet pilot will have to arrange their own finance/avail study loan for their flying training. The cost of obtaining a Commercial Pilot Licence would be approximately Rs.20 Lacs.

(e) and (f): Yes, Sir. These candidates will be required to sign a contract to serve the company for a minimum period of 7 years.